

My husband and I have been XM Satellite Radio listeners since December, 2003. We love it! We don't always listen to the satellite radio. We also listen to our local stations. We spend several of the winter months in Arizona and drive back and forth. There are several spots along the way, believe it or not, that you can't pick up one radio station. Parts of Western Texas, New Mexico and several other States that we have been through on our travels, that have long stretches of remote area. The Satellite Radio is wonderful in those situations. We really like the Weather Channel and the new XM Traffic & Weather Reports, that are linked to the larger metro areas around the US. When we return to Michigan in the Spring, it is that stormy/tornado time of year, that the central and mid-west portions of the US experience. It is so nice to be able to keep up on the weather reports as we are traveling along, without losing the station that we are listening to, or maybe not be able to pick up at all. Also, the traffic updates from metro areas that we may be approaching are great. If there is an accident on the highway we are traveling, we have time to decide on a possible alternative route. The same for a bad weather report ahead. We feel very safe knowing we have this tool to count on, so we don't get involved in something we wish we hadn't.

I can't imagine that there has been a bill introduced, to stop this convenient service and safety tool for travelers. Why doesn't the NAB mind their own business? They could jump on the satellite band wagon, instead of trying to throw a monkey wrench into a very good idea. If they are such big shots, then lets see them make sure that there is no place in the US without a radio station with a good signal, that locals and travelers can pick up without a problem. This is 2004 and that still hasn't happened.

I know that the NAB is made up of a few large conglomerates, that have bought up all the smaller radio stations and now think they can throw their weight around and dictate, as to what device I choose to get my information from, while in my vehicle. Others in their homes as well. They have no business messing with another's good idea for advancement in technology, that is a PLUS for all the listeners out there. Please see the outrageousness of HR 4026 and put a stop to it right away.